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PATENT APPLICATION

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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Min Cao et al

Serial No.: 09/217740

Examiner: Owens, Douglas W.

Filing Date: Dec 21, 1998

Group Art Unit: 2811

Title: Local Oxidation Of A Sidewall Sealed Shallow Trench For Providing Isolation Between
Devices Of A Substrate

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

04/04/2003 TOWKINS-00000005 501078 09/217740, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant
application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
01 FC:1801 750.00 CH See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified applicaiton.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above- application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

(X) Previously submitted:

(X) Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on 02/11/2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

() Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

() Other _____

() Enclosed:

() Amendment/Reply

() Affidavit(s)/Declarations(s)

() Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

() Other _____

Miscellaneous

() Suspension of action is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
The fee for this Suspension is (37 CFR 1.17(ii)) \$130.00

() Other _____

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(RCE) (37 CFR 1.114) (continued)

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- () A Petition for Extension of Time
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Respectfully submitted,

Min Cao et al

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